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Dear Resident,

Re: A Proposed Modification to Operations at Ardmore Park Quarry

You may be aware that Ceal Ltd, trading as Multiquip Quarries owns and operates a sand and basalt quarry at 5152 Oallen Ford Road. Since approval for the Ardmore Park Quarry ("the Quarry") was granted in September 2009, Multiquip Quarries has commenced limited quarry operations, completed the construction of a by-pass road around Bungonia village and completed a large proportion of the road upgrades required by the approval.

Efforts have been made to develop the Quarry in a controlled manner to ensure that the local community is not adversely affected by what can be seen as an intrusive industry. We hope that these efforts have meant that our efforts have exceeded both our obligations and Community expectations.

The Proposed Modifications

Multiquip Quarries is now seeking several modifications to the approval which we believe will improve operations at the Quarry without additional impacts on our direct neighbours or the Bungonia community. In summary, the modifications being proposed are as follows.

- We propose to move the mobile crushing equipment to be relocated into the quarry pit reducing visual and noise impacts from its current visible location from our neighbours. To do this we need a small increase to the extraction area aimed at better aligning the extraction faces with the topography of the Quarry Site and location of the mobile crushing equipment.
- Multiquip has obtained approval to use larger capacity trucks and is seeking an equivalent increase in the annual production limit of the Quarry. Importantly, this increase would NOT increase the number of truck movements each month and each year.
- The current approval restricts daily truck movements to 88. The modification would retain this limit as a daily average, but allow for a maximum of 124 truck movements on any one day to account for periods when weather or sales demand prevent the completion of 88 truck movements on such a day. **The total number of truck movements per month will remain at 2,288 truck movements per any calendar month and will not be altered from the current approval.**
- The current approval restricts transport operations to the hours of 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday. The proposal is to extend these hours of transport operations to between 5:00am and 10:00pm (Monday to Friday) and 5:00am to 5:00pm (Saturday). Note it is envisaged that the Saturday movements will be minimal and only meet the delivery requirements of a small number of customers. This extension will allow truck movements outside of busy times for local traffic (7.00am to 9.00am & 4.00pm to 6.00pm) and for the company avoid peak traffic periods in the Sydney metropolitan area and allow us greater flexibility in the supply of materials to our customers.
- Multiquip Quarries proposes to undertake concrete batching and bitumen pre-coating activities at the Quarry. These activities would represent only a small proportion of annual production and aimed at internal use and supplying local markets for these products.

A more detailed Project Overview of the proposed modification will be available on the website of Multiquip Quarries at:

www.mqquarry.com.au

We are currently reviewing the potential impacts of these modifications with environmental consulting firm RW Corkery & Co. Pty Limited with our aim to ensure that impacts associated with the modified quarry operations are equivalent to or less than those which are currently approved.

What Happens Next?

As the Quarry is classified as a State Significant Development, Multiquip Quarries will be lodging its application to modify the approval to the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE). The application will be supported by a comprehensive *Environmental Assessment* to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

To ensure that the *Environmental Assessment* considers all relevant environmental aspects, we have requested the DPE, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, and other government agencies provide advice on the specific issues to be addressed. Once issued, these assessment requirements will be compiled by the DPE and listed as the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) on the DPE's website.

On completion of the *Environmental Assessment*, the proposed modification will be advertised and publically exhibited for a period to be defined by the DPE (typically between 14 and 28 days). During this exhibition period, you will have opportunity to review and comment on the proposed modification. The DPE will require Multiquip Quarries to respond to any requests for correction, clarification or supplementary information.

Community Input

Multiquip Quarries is committed to continuing operations at the Quarry in a manner which will minimise impacts on the surrounding community. To assist in ensuring that all impacts are identified, assessed and either eliminated or minimised, we encourage you to raise any issue of concern or matters you believe should be addressed in the *Environmental Assessment*.

Multiquip Quarries has engaged consultants to prepare the *Environmental Assessment* and to assist in consultation. If you have any concerns, queries or would like to raise specific matters to be addressed in the *Environmental Assessment*, please contact Michael Rogers at Multiquip.

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More Information and Further Updates

As noted earlier, a more detailed overview of the proposed modification will be available and can be downloaded from the Multiquip Quarries website (www.mqquarry.com.au).

We would also be pleased to provide you with further updates about the proposed modification as it progresses. We would like to discuss the community feedback at the C.C.C. meeting on 25nd August at Bungonia Village hall at 2.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Rogers